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Jocelyn G. Boyd, Esquire  
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Public Service Commission of South Carolina  
101 Executive Center Drive, Suite 100  
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RE: Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates  
**Docket No. 2019-290-WS**

Dear Ms. Boyd:

On December 20, 2019, the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") filed a Motion for Partial Summary Judgment regarding the alternative rate mechanism (the "Mechanism") proposed by the Blue Granite Water Company (the "Company") in its Application. On January 6, 2020, the Company filed a response to ORS's Motion ("Response"). ORS and the Company have been in communication in an effort to resolve some of the legal issues raised in ORS's Motion.

As stated in the Company's Response and in the testimony of its witness DeStefano, the Company has confirmed with ORS that, if the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") believes it to be appropriate, the Company is open to providing notice and the opportunity for a hearing in the annual Mechanism proceedings, and that the new rates would only go into effect upon a Commission order.

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Accordingly, while ORS reserves its right to argue and present evidence in opposition to the Mechanism at the hearing on the merits of the Company's rate application, ORS believes this commitment from the Company resolves certain legal issues raised in the Motion, which was based on the Mechanism as presented in the Company's Application. ORS, therefore, withdraws its Motion.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A. M. Bateman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew M. Bateman

cc: All Parties of Record (via e-mail)  
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